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AMENDMENT**

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the paragraphs on page 1, lines 4-13, with the following:

— This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/423,783, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/EP97/05251, filed September 24, 1997, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 08/719,806, filed September 25, 1996, now abandoned. This application also is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Application No. 09/795,292, converted to a U.S. Non-Provisional Application from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,920, filed January 14, 1999.

The contents of U.S. Application No. 09/423,783 and U.S. Application No. 09/795,292 (converted from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/115,920), are incorporated herein by reference.—